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# HOLLAND & HOLLAND

## LONDON

### WEAPON HISTORY

Serial N<sup>o</sup>: 7772

Calibre: .500

Model: Double Rifle

Action: Back Action with Re-bounding Locks, Bolted and Lever over guard

Barrel: Steel

Stock: Best Quality Walnut with Half Pistol Hand (No Cheekpiece)

LOP: 14 3/16" (To Centre)

Cast: Off

Bend: 2 1/4" x 1 1/2"

Year: October 8, 1883

Certified True and Correct  
For Holland & Holland

March 15, 2013

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Images	Lot	Price	Description
	2149	\$8,050.00	<p><b>HOLLAND AND HOLLAND HAMMER EXPRESS RIFLE WITH CASE AND ACCESSORIES.</b>                      SN 7772. (1883) Cal. 500 BPE. 28" Steel bbls have raised, full length rib, mounted with one standing, one folding express rear, and gold bead front, sight mounted in slightly ramped base. Bbls are engraved "Holland &amp; Holland 98 New Bond Street, London," and "Winners of all the "Field" Rifle Trials, London 1883". Bottoms of bbls are stamped with SN and Birmingham black powder proofs. Round bodied Jones underlever receiver is fitted with peninsula back action locks with rebounding round bodied serpentine hammers. Action and lockplates have line border engraving with "Holland &amp; Holland" on each lockplate. Hammers have stylized dolphin heads. Steel trigger guard has SN at grip. Lightly marbled and slightly figured red toned European walnut semi pistol grip buttstock measures 14-1/4" over broadly ribbed horn buttplate, and features an unusual starburst horn grip cap, point pattern checkering, vacant silver shield on toe line, and has been fitted with well done steel reinforcing plate wrapping from around top tang and extending to tops of lockplates in the manner of what are know as selous plates. Removal of right lock reveals this plate was installed to repair an old crack. Matching splinter forend has shaped steel tip and mounts to bbl with side nail through shaped steel escutcheons. Drop at heel: approx 2-5/8", drop at comb: approx 1-3/4". Weight: 8 lbs. 5 oz. LOP: 14-1/4". Old black lacquered heavy canvas case with leather trim and brass boss is painted "Surgn Major Stewart" in well done script on top. Interior is lined in green cloth with old paper J. Beattie label x-ed out and with correct H &amp; H secondary label inscribed with this rifles SN, giving instructions for loading. Case contains an array of period accessories including brass Rigby type rosewood handled bullet mold marked "Greenfield London .450" on one side (Mold actually casts .490 diameter bullet), other side is marked "H. Holland". With mold are two pins, one with rosewood handle for casting solid bullets, another with oak handle for casting hollow point bullets. There is also a German silver and ebony powder measure marked 4-1/4 drams powder, a 500 marked pin type bullet fixer, 500 marked case sizer with rammer. These two pieces are marked in Sanskrit. Also included are 5 old Eley Brothers brass cases, and a number of bullets cast in supplied mold. Also included are two spare firing pins in newer cocobolo striker case, and top half of 2-pe brass cleaning rod with round ebony knob. There is also, an envelope containing some paper patches and another envelope with Sept. 1911 inventory of fittings for this rifle, a number of which are now missing. As well as Holland &amp; Holland invoice made out to A. Stewart, Esquire dated Aug 1886 for a 500 bore double express rifle, black case, mold and fittings, special price as agreed, along with a recapper and 100 cases with wads (SN not specified). Letter is also affixed with duty stamped receipt, with a total invoice amount of 38 lbs 14 s 9d. Signed by H. Holland. PROVENANCE: Orig invoice, and inventory and parts list. CONDITION: Fine. Bbls retain approx 70% orig blue, considerably faded and browned at normal carry point, with some scattered pitting, showing evidence of cleaning. Action and locks retain 30 - 50% orig case hardening color, fading to silver gray and brown. Stocks retain most of what appears to be their orig rubbed oil finish with numerous marks and dings. Forend has a minor chip at bbl channel, and a small portion of one escutcheon broken away on right side. Bores are excellent, with strong rifling throughout, with just a hint of frosting at breech end of right bbl. Action is tight. Bbls are on face. Locks are crisp. Reinforcing plate has been in place for a very long time, and was obviously very effective in repairing crack in stock, which still feels strong and does not flex. Case is chipped on edges with some corners fraying and opening, otherwise good. Straps and handle are missing. Interior cloth is good, with considerable staining and rubs. Labels are foxed, Holland label is brown. Accessories are very fine. Mold has numerous marks from tapping. Original invoice and parts inventory are creased and foxed, but clear. A neat old rifle that if able I'm sure would have some great tales to tell. A brief Google search finds a Surgeon Major A. Stewart a member of the 14th Light Dragoons being promoted in 1859. 4-48143 MGM159 (6,000-9,000)</p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> All prices include the hammer price <del>plus the buyer's premium</del>, which is paid by the buyer as part of the purchase price. The prices noted here after the auction are considered unofficial and do not become official until after the 46th day.</p>

**From:** Melanie DiFloures (mdifloures@jamesdjulia.com)  
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**Date of Sale:** 3/12/2013  
**Date:** 3/13/2013  
**Phone:** 310-541-3453  
**Resale #:** NAB  
**Email:** [Redacted]

Lot	Description	Unit Price	Premium	Extension
2149	H&H HAMMER RIFLE, CAL 50 BPE, SN 7772	\$7,000.00	\$1,050.00	\$8,050.00

Sub Total: **\$8,050.00**  
Charges/Credits: \$0.00  
Sales Tax : \$0.00  
Amount Paid: \$0.00  
**Total (paying by check or wire transfer): \$8,050.00**

**INVOICE NOTES:**

**IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CREDIT CARD** then the standard fee of **18%** is charged. **THE BUYER'S PREMIUM IS REDUCED TO 15%** if you are paying by check, cash or wire.

**PAYMENT IS DUE UPON INVOICING.** If invoice is not paid in full price. Interest will be charged at 1.5% monthly (18% APR) on payment charges incurred in the collection of this account. Any legal dispute regarding participating in this auction you hereby agree to the terms & conditions



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Sale Information  
GUN SPRING 2013  
Paddle: #175  
Balance: \$8,050.00

Sub Total: **\$8,050.00**  
Charges/Credits: \$0.00  
Sales Tax : \$0.00  
Amount Paid: \$0.00  
**Total (paying by check or wire transfer): \$8,050.00**  
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4/23/88

W. arrowright 500 C575

10 Bone back action  
extra rib from over gauge

half box (100 grains) rebound  
left hand cheek piece

right muzzle Weight  
Band 2 1/2 - 1 1/8

Length 14 1/8 - 14 1/8 - 14 1/8  
Set off 1/4 - 1/4

Oct 27

Muzzle of Bawls gun

10 Bone back action  
left hand cheek piece

right muzzle Weight  
Band 2 1/2 - 1 1/8

Length 14 1/8 - 14 1/8 - 14 1/8  
Set off 1/4 - 1/4

4/28

500 Bone back action

left over gauge better  
found rebounding better half

right hand to cheek piece  
Band 2 1/2 - 1 1/8

Length 14 1/8 - 14 1/8 - 14 1/8  
Set off 1/4 - 1/4

Set off 1/4 - 1/4

4/28

M. Bawls 930

10 Bone back action left  
hand cheek piece

right muzzle Weight  
Band 2 1/2 - 1 1/8

Length 14 1/8 - 14 1/8 - 14 1/8  
Set off 1/4 - 1/4

Locks to full 4 1/4 - 4 1/4  
Shot 1/2 - 1/2

Oct 11 Muzzle of Bawls gun

10 Bone back action left  
hand cheek piece

right muzzle Weight  
Band 2 1/2 - 1 1/8

Length 14 1/8 - 14 1/8 - 14 1/8  
Set off 1/4 - 1/4

Shot 1/2 - 1/2

4/11 Muzzle of Bawls gun

10 Bone rifle back action  
left over gauge rebounding

right hand cheek piece  
muzzle Weight Band 2 1/2 - 1 1/8

Length 14 1/8 - 14 1/8 - 14 1/8  
Set off 1/4 - 1/4

Shot with 8 grains case  
bullet 1 1/2

1911. Sept

## Inventory of fittings

in case of Double Barrel 500  
Express Rifle No 7772 by  
Holland & Holland.

1. Brass cleaning rod, with wire brush - two pieces.
2. Two brass rods for barrels.
3. Two screw drivers - broad & narrow.
4. Screw top oil receiver with pricker.
5. Bullet mould, with two handled screw accessories for bullet points.
6. Case extractor and fixer.
7. Lad cutter.
8. Powder measure,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  drams.
9. Black wooden ramrod for wads for loading cartridges.
10. one brass funnel for pouring powder into cases.
11. one fixer for fixing bullets in brass cases.
12. one small box containing sticks etc etc.

13. 1 Box caps.

14. Lubricated roax papers  
gute wads, grease wads,  
tore, rags, cartridge cases.

Telegraphic Address:—"ARMOUREB, London."

A. Stewart Esq.

London August 1886

S.O.B. 211

Dr to Holland & Holland,

Gun Manufacturers,

N<sup>o</sup>. 98, New Bond Street, W.

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5 per cent charged on all accounts exceeding 6 Months.

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500 bore Double Express rifle	}	35 . .
Black Case, Mould & fittings.		
Special price as agreed		
Patent Recapper		10 6
100 cases - solid <sup>10</sup> / <sub>6</sub> 500 Bullets <sup>32</sup> / <sub>6</sub>		2 3 .
Wads for 500 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>7</sub> box of caps <sup>5</sup> / <sub>19</sub>		8 9
Case lined tin		12 6.

Nett Cash £ 38 . 14 . 9

N<sup>o</sup> 1244 Holland & Holland,  
 98, New Bond Street, W.  
 London Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886

Received of A. Stewart Esq.  
 the sum of Thirty eight pounds fourteen & nine pence  
 with the a/c  
 £ 38 : 14 : 9

